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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REACTION TO SHABA INCURSION

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THERE IS STILL NO OFFICIAL GOM PUBLIC REACTION TO THE LATEST
INCURSION INTO ZAIRE. SHABA EVENTS DOMINATE LOCAL MAY 16

PRESS, WHICH REPLAYS ZAIRIAN AND OTHER NEWS SERVICE STORIES. COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS REPORTS THAT THE AGREEMENT FOR THE INVASION WAS CONCLUDED IN HAVANA AND THE PLANS FORMULATED IN ALGIERS. OFFICIAL MOROCCAN NEWS AGENCY (MAP) HAS ISSUED SEVERAL STATUS REPORTS, WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS NOTE ZAIRE'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM MOROCCO AND OTHER COUNTRIES, QUOTE STORIES OF U.S. GOVERNMENT REACTION, AND SUGGEST THAT ZAIRIAN TROOPS ARE CURRENTLY RETAKING THE INITIATIVE. COMMENTARY IN SEMI-OFFICIAL AL-MAGRIB DESCRIBES THE INCURSION AS ANOTHER STEP IN THE EFFORT OF "COUNTRIES LIKE CUBA" TO THROW AFRICA INTO CHAOS AND ESTABLISH COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OVER THE CONTINENT. WHILE NOTING THAT MOROCCO'S AID WAS VITAL TO THE DEFEAT OF KATANGAN "MERCENARIES" IN 1977, THE COMMENTARY ARGUES THAT IT IS THE "WESTERN COUNTRIES" THAT ARE FACED WITH SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES TO HANDLE THIS NEW AGGRESSION. AL-MAGRIB CONTINUES THAT THE SAME COUNTRIES WHICH TURNED A DEAF EAR TO SOMALIA PRESIDENT BARRE ARE NOW CALLED UPON TO TAKE UP THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND AVOID A NEW BLOOD BATH IN AFRICA. ANDERSON

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